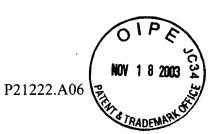
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowability, mailed by the Patent and Trademark

Office on August 26, 2003 and to the Statement of Reasons for Allowance attached
thereto, Applicant wishes to clarify the record with respect to the basis for the
patentability of claims in the present application. In this regard, while Applicant does not
disagree with the Examiner's indication that certain identified features are not disclosed
by the references, Applicant submits that each of the claims in the present application
recite a particular combination of features, and that the basis for patentability of each of
these claims is based on the totality of the particular features recited therein.

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Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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